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[Despatch Abstract.]

Health Survey and Development Committee - Re

Education - A pre-nursing course - Papers recorded.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Abstract.

Health Survey and Development Committee's Report - Professional Education - A pre-nursing course - Papers Recorded.

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Education and Public Health Department.

G.O. MS. NO. 2665. Dated 29th July 1949.
Read the following:

G.O.No. Ms. 2270, Education, dated 14-7-49.

From the Surgeon General, u.o.R.No.48295-N., dated 8-8-47.
From the Director of Public Instruction, u.o.2035 E/47, dated 7-11-47.

ORDER:

R E C O R D E D.

(BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR)

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Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon General.
To the Director of Public Instruction.

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Education and Public Health
(Special ) Department.

Professional Education - A . pre-nursing Course.

The Health Survey and Development Committee has suggested that in order to permeate the Community with elementary notions regarding hygiene and the basic principles of nursing and mother craft, a pre-nursing course should be introduced in the final year curriculum of all high schools as an optional subject. Such a course - would serve the double purpose of providing young women with useful knowledge wherewith to commence a nursing carrer and if that is not intended, with useful experience in the management of a home and the care of children. A suggested schedule is set out in Appendix 40.

2. Secretary has asked that the suggestion should be examined.

According to the Committee the Curriculum for this pre-nursing course of one year in high schools -- should be as follows:-

| Subjects- | | Taught by. |
|---|---|---|
| Anatomy and Physiology | .. | Doctor |
| Hygiene | .. | Doctor |
| First Aid | .. | Doctor |
| Physics, Chemistry and Practical Physiology | .. | University graduate. |
| Biology | .. | - do - |
| Psychology | .. | - do - |
| Dietetics and practical cookery | -- | - do - |
| English language and essay writing | .. | - do - |
| Home Nursing St. John and Red Cross Standard | | Registered Nurse Instructor |
| Mother craft | -- | - do - |
| History of Nursing | -- | - do - |

(Visits to Institutions, Games and Physical Training Examinations at the end of the course).

For the training course for women nurses completed S.S.L.C. is the qualification and for the course for men nurses S.S.L.C. (with eligibility) is the qualification. In view of the recent revision of the nurses scale into Rs.85-150, the profession is likely to attract in future more candidates than hitherto. It would really be useful for the future nurse pupil (male or female) if at the time of his or her admission to the training, he or she is in possesssion of the knowledge of the rudiments of the science of nursing. If this view is concurred in, the suggestion of the Bhore Committee that a nursing courseas described above may be included in the Secondary Education Syllabus seems to deserve support. Proposals for bifurcated S.S.L.C. courses are under consideration. 'Nursing( is not among the optional subjects proposed for these revised courses, though domestic science and Music and Dancing are. It is for consideration whether "Nursing" with a curriculum as in para 2 of this note may as well/be an optional subject for the course.

/ proposed S.S.L.C.

3. The Director of Public Instruction may be asked to examine the question in consultation with the Surgeon General and offer remarks u.o. and if he accepts the suggestion, submit proposals to Government.

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Once the subject's included in the syllabus, we can insist on that gratifical for selection of candidates as male or female nurses.

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Office of the Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras,
U.O.R.No. 48295-N. Madras 6, D/- 8th August 1947.

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Professional Education - A pre-nursing course -

Ref: Government U.O.P.H.No. 50136 Spl./47 dated 25-6-47.

I agree with the suggestion of the Health Survey and Development Committee that a pre-nursing course should be introduced in the curriculum of the High Schools as an optional subject. But the subjects enumerated in the curriculum to be introduced for pre-nursing course are too many to be covered within a period of one year by High School Pupils. I, therefore consider that the Pre-nursing course should be introduced from the 5th form in the High Schools as an optional subject for the students who will takep up nursing as a profession. I also consider that First-aid, Home-nursing, Mother-craft, History of Nursing should also be taught in the Girls' Schools as Elementary Science.

S.L. Bhatia.
8-8-47.

To the Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

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The Surgeon General's remarks on pages ~~3-4~~ 1-2 ante may be per used - The Director of Public Instruction may also be asked to offer remarks u.o. on the suggestions -

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Office of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
U.O.2035 E/47, dated 7-11-47.

Sub: S.S.L.C. Scheme - Pre-nursing course - Introduction of -

Ref: P.H.U.O.50136 PI dated 20-8-47.

Resubmitted.

2) The suggestion that a pre-nursing course be one of the optional subjects at the VI Form stage is not acceptable in view of the fact that the provincial Advisory Board have decided to drop the optional system.

3) Considering that a major part of the topics mentioned by the Surgeon General is already included in the Domestic Science course at present, the consideration of "Pre-nursing" an alternative to Domestic Science may be deferred for the present till the "Reogganisation" takes shape, in as much as the schools and the subjects for 1948-49 have already been fixed. After observing the working of 'Domestic Science' in the re-organised scheme during 1948-49 the Surgeon General may, if he still finds it necessary to renew the suggestion, be requested to do so.

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For Director of Public Instruction.

To the Secretary to Government,
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The case relates to the Bhore Committee's suggestion that in order to permeate the Community with elementary notions regarding hygiene and the basic principles of nursing and mother craft, a pre-nursing course should be introduced in the final year curriculum of all high schools as an optional subject. It was thought that this would be a useful suggestion to adopt and that such a course would be useful to girls who take up the nursing profession. It was accordingly suggested - the Surgeon General agreed to the suggestion - that a pre-nursing course might be introduced from the 5th form as an optional course in the high schools.

At the instance of Hon'ble Minister (Education) it has been suggested to the Director of Public Instruction that Nursing should form one of the specilized subjects for the bifurcated courses of study in Girls' High Schools. The remarks of the Director of Public Instruction are awaited.

The Director of Public Instruction whose remarks were invited on the above suggestion has stated that the suggestion for this additional optional course is not acceptable as the Provincial Advisory Board have decided to drop the optional system, that major part of the topics mentioned by the Surgeon General is already included in the Domestic Science course, and that the question of introducing a pre-nursing course, as an alternative to the present course may be considered after observing the working of the domestic science course in the reorganised scheme during 1948-49.

In view of what the Director of Public Instruction says it is for orders whether his suggestion to defer consideration of this proposal may be accepted.

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This may lie over till the question at 'P' above is settled.

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With reference to 'P' on p. ante, attention is solicited to pp 2 ~~5-8~~ N.F. of G.O.2270, Education, dated 14-7-49. No further action seems called for in this file. The papers may be recorded. Draft Order below is for approval.

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